

BE IT REMEMBERED that a Special Called meeting of the Hattiesburg City Council was held at 11:15 a.m. Friday, March 2, 2018, in Council Chambers at City Hall.

Those present included Mayor Toby Barker and members of the City Council Jeffrey George, Ward 1; Deborah Delgado, Ward 2; Carter Carroll, Ward 3; Mary Dryden, Ward 4; and Nicholas Brown, Ward 5. Others in attendance included Chief Administrative Officer, Ann Jones; Director of Administration/City Clerk, Kermas Eaton; Director of Urban Development, Andrew Ellard; City Attorney, Randy Pope; Customer Service Coordinator, Joe Paul; Chief Communications Officer, Samantha McCain; Clerk of Council, Debbie Bernardo; media; and the public.

Council President Carroll called the meeting to order.

He introduced and welcomed Cindy Hyde Smith, special assistant to Public Service Commissioner Sam Bruton.

1. **2018-289** Adopt a Resolution requesting the Mississippi Legislature to enact Local and Private Legislation.

Attachments: RES - Local and Private Legislation, 2018

A MOTION was made by Council Member Delgado and seconded by Council Member George to Adopt a Resolution requesting the Mississippi Legislature to enact Local and Private Legislation.

Mayor Barker introduced the resolution, which he said would assist the university's efforts to renovate Reed Green Coliseum as well as improvements by the City to its parks and recreation and tourism facilities.

Council member George expressed appreciation to Dr. Rodney Bennett, President, and Jon Gilbert, Athletic Director, at the University of Southern Mississippi for suggesting the partnership.

Council Vice President Dryden stated that [the improvements funded by this legislation] will help to make Hattiesburg a progressive and popular destination and will encourage people to live and work in the City.

Following discussion, the Motion received the affirmative vote of the Council as follows:

Yeas: 5 - George, Delgado, Carroll, Dryden and Brown

Nays: 0

By unanimous consent, Council President Carroll declared the meeting recessed at 11:16 a.m., this the 2nd day of March, A.D., 2018.